

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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**DREWE et al.** )  
) Art Unit: **1637**  
Serial No. **09/744,489** )  
) Examiner: **Suryaprabha Chunduru**  
Filed: **January 23, 2001** )  
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For: **NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION BY** )  
**TRIPLE HELIX FORMATION** )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 15, 2008, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request a one-month extension of time within which to file this Response to the Office Action. Authorization for payment of the required fees is submitted herewith.

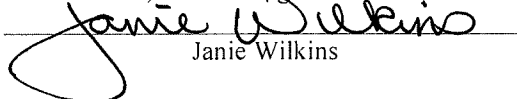
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 12 of this paper.

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